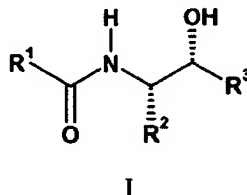


Amendments to the Claims

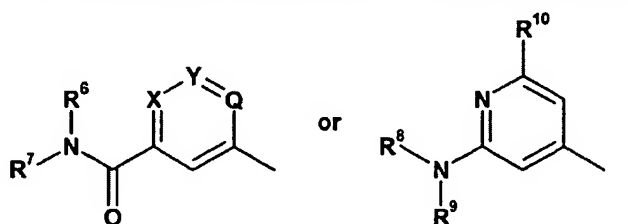
We Claim:

1. (Currently amended) A compound of Formula I:



where:

R^1 is $(C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl})_{0-1}(C_1-C_6 \text{ alkyl})$, $(C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl})_{0-1}(C_2-C_6 \text{ alkenyl})$, $(C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl})_{0-1}(C_2-C_6 \text{ alkynyl})$ or $C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl}$, each optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halo, hydroxy, thiol, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, $C_1-C_7 \text{ alkoxy}$, $C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkoxy}$, oxo, and NR^4R^5 , biphenyl optionally

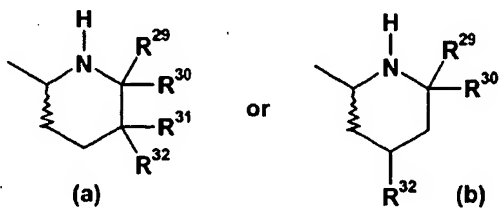


substituted with halo, hydrogen,

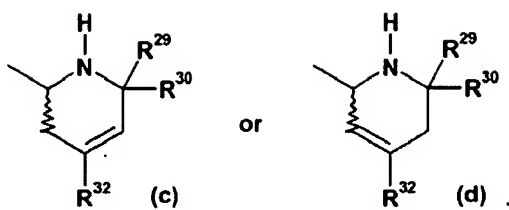
R^2 is $C_1-C_3 \text{ alkyl}$, benzyl optionally monosubstituted in the phenyl ring with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, $C_1-C_6 \text{ alkoxy}$ optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with $C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl}$, and $C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylthio}$ optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with $C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl}$, or benzyl optionally disubstituted in the phenyl ring with a first substituent independently selected from halo and a second substituent independently selected from halo, $C_1-C_6 \text{ alkoxy}$ optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with $C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl}$, and $C_1-C_6 \text{ alkylthio}$ optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with $C_3-C_7 \text{ cycloalkyl}$;

R^3 is:

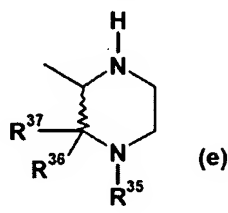
- i) a piperidin-2-yl moiety of formula:



- ii) a tetrahydropyridin-2-yl moiety of formula:



iii) a piperazin-2-yl moiety of formula:



iv) — homopiperidin-2-yl;

v) — 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-3-yl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from halo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkoxy;

vi) — 2-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-5-ene-3-yl;

vii) — 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-3-yl optionally substituted with C₁-C₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with C₁-C₄ alkoxy; or

viii) — 2-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl optionally substituted with oxo, or optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from hydroxy, fluoro, and C₁-C₆ alkyl;

X is CH, N, or N⁺-O⁻;

Y is CR¹¹, N, or N⁺-O⁻;

Q is CR¹², N, or N⁺-O⁻;

R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro, or phenyl;

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro, phenyl, -

C(O)(C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro), or

-SO₂(C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro);

R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, and propyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R⁹ is C₃-C₅ cycloalkyl, *sec*-butyl, or -CH₂R¹³;

R¹⁰ is -CF₂R¹⁴, -OR¹⁵, -CH₂C(O)CH₃, -S(O)₁₋₂R¹⁶, -NR¹⁷SO₂R¹⁸, (C₁-C₃ alkoxy)-carbonyl, phenyl optionally substituted with halo, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,1-dioxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydroisothiazol-2-yl, or tetrazol-5-yl optionally substituted with C₁-C₃ alkyl;

R^{11} is hydrogen, chloro, isobutyl, CH_2R^{19} , CF_2R^{20} , 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-hydroxyeth-2-yl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyl optionally substituted with one or two fluorine atoms, OR^{21} , $C(O)R^{22}$, N(methyl)(methylsulfonyl), N(methyl)(acetyl), pyrrolidin-2-on-1-yl, methylsulfonyl, N,N-dimethylaminosulfonyl, phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxymethyl, methoxy, fluoro, and methylsulfonyl, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dithiolan-2-yl, 1,3-oxathiolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,3-dithian-2-yl, pyridinyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, or 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl optionally substituted with methyl;

R^{12} is hydrogen or fluoro;

R^{13} is ethynyl or cyclopropyl;

R^{14} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{15} is difluoromethyl or methanesulfonyl;

R^{16} is C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, phenyl, or $-NR^{25}R^{26}$;

R^{17} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_3 alkyl optionally substituted with up to 3 fluorine atoms, or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl;

R^{18} is C_1 - C_3 alkyl or C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl;

R^{19} is fluoro, hydroxy, or C_1 - C_3 alkoxy;

R^{20} is hydrogen, phenyl, or furyl;

R^{21} is C_1 - C_3 alkyl optionally substituted with one or two fluorine atoms;

R^{22} is C_1 - C_3 alkyl, C_3 - C_5 cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_3 alkenyl, C_1 - C_3 alkoxy, $NR^{23}R^{24}$, pyrrolidin-1-yl optionally substituted with methyl or one or two fluorine atoms, piperidin-1-yl, phenyl, pyridinyl, or furyl;

R^{23} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{24} is methyl, ethyl, or propyl;

R^{25} is hydrogen or methyl;

R^{26} is methyl; or

R^{25} and R^{26} taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring;

R^{29} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^{30} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^{29} and R^{30} taken together with the carbon to which they are attached form a C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl ring;

R^{31} is hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, C_3 - C_6 cycloalkyl, or phenyl optionally monosubstituted with C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R^{32} is hydrogen, R^{33} , or $-(CH_2)_{0-2}-OR^{33}$;

R^{33} is C_1-C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted with 1-6 fluorine atoms, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, or $-(CH_2)_{0-3}-R^{34}$;

R^{34} is C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl or phenyl each optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy, thienyl optionally substituted with halo, benzothienyl optionally substituted with halo, thiazolyl optionally substituted with C_1-C_4 alkyl, or adamantyl;

R^{35} is $-(CH_2)_{0-6}-R^{34}$, $-C(O)-(CH_2)_{0-6}-R^{34}$, $-C(O)-(C_1-C_{10} \text{ alkyl})$, $-C(O)-(C_1-C_4 \text{ alkoxy})$ optionally substituted with phenyl), C_1-C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted with 1-6 fluorine atoms, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, or C_2-C_{10} alkynyl;

R^{36} and R^{37} are both hydrogen or, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a carbonyl group; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; provided that: a) no more than one of X, Y, and Q may be N or N^+-O^- ; and b) when X is CH, Y is CR^{11} , and Q is CR^{12} , then one of R^{11} and R^{12} is other than hydrogen.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled)

6. (Original) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound of Claim 1, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method for the inhibition of A- β peptide comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

10. (Canceled)